GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
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COST ESCALATION IN A.J.T. DEAL
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned `A.J.T. deal may cost Rs. 1600 crore more` appearing in the Asian Age dated March 13, 2001;

(b) if so, the extent of truth in the matter reported therein;

(c) whether the Government propose to make CBI enquiry in the matter in view of the revealations made in the press;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the action taken by the Government against the persons found guilty?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No contract for the AJT has yet been finalized.

(c) to (e): Do not arise.